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In re application of: Nobumasa SUZUKI et al.

Application No. : 10/659,297

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed : September 11, 2003

Examiner: Eduardo C. ROBERT

For : ROD CONNECTOR

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Election with Traverse** in the above-captioned application.

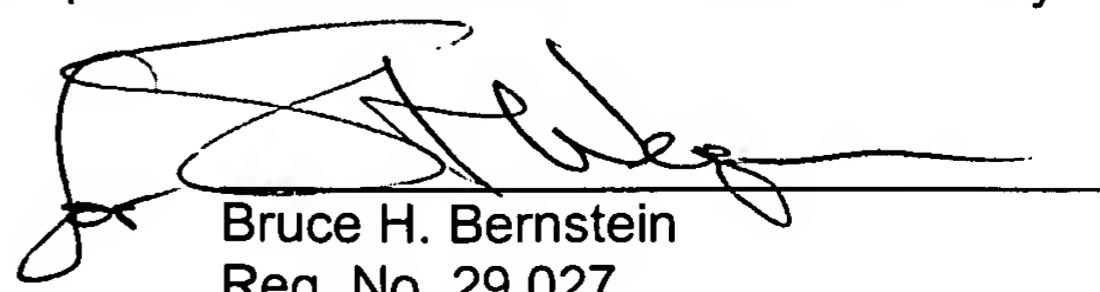
Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 A Request for Extension of Time.  
 No additional fee is required.

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Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Total Claims: 8	20	0	x 9=	\$0.00	x 18=	\$
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Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+150=	\$0.00	+300=	\$
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Sir :

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 30, 2005, which set a one-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 1, 2005 (July 30, 2005 being a Saturday), Applicants hereby elect Group I, consisting of claims 1, 3, 4 and 6. The above election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below.